



Year 4 Newsletter



We have had a fantastic first half term; we cannot believe how quickly it has flown by! The children have produced some really impressive work (particularly the Stone Age stories!) and have thoroughly enjoyed their learning in History and DT linking our Stone Age topic together.

Please could I take this opportunity to remind pupils to come into school prepared with the correct equipment for learning as we have had an increasing number of children who are arriving to school without a pen or pencil. Time spent ensuring children have the correct equipment does impact upon lesson time. Please take some time over half-term to check that pencil cases have everything that they need in it. Thank you.

A note from Miss Stalley: Just a quick reminder about private music lessons. The instrumental lessons available in school: guitar, drums, piano, violin, cello. Currently available on zoom: singing, trumpet, clarinet and flute. New instrumental lesson available since the last notice are Flute and Cello. Please email music@ravenscote.surrey.sch.uk if you are interested in lessons.

Many thanks for your continued support. We look forward to meeting you all at Parents' Evening (virtually, of course!) **Please note, due to half-term, will be no homework this week-** please enjoy spending time together as a family. We look forward to seeing the children refreshed and energised for another incredible half term of learning and fun!

Warmest regards, Miss Wheeler

Children in Need

Once again, we are supporting Children in Need and we will be inviting children to come into school wearing "spots" on Friday 13th November 2020. Should you wish to donate to this amazing charity, please do so online via the Children in Need website www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk . We will not be accepting cash in school.



Communication.

If you would like to contact your child's class teacher, please e-mail: info@ravenscote.surrey.sch.uk and we will ensure that all messages are passed onto them.

Should you wish to contact Miss Wheeler, please e-mail: swheeler@ravenscote.surrey.sch.uk

Please be aware that staff have 5 working days to respond to all messages.

Weekend contact to the school

We ask that families only contact the school via email during weekdays. However, **if you need to tell us of a confirmed case of Covid-19 in your family, over the weekend, please email all of the following accounts: head@ravenscote.surrey.sch.uk, dharris@ravenscote.surrey.sch.uk and info@ravenscote.surrey.sch.uk** (this way we can ensure your email is picked up and actioned).

Parents' Evenings
9th - 13th November 2020

Thank you for booking your parents' evening appointments with your children's class teachers. You are able to book these until Monday 2nd November. Thank you to the 87% of parents who have already done so - we very much look forward to meeting with you all virtually!

If before or during your appointment time, there are issues connecting to the meeting, the class teacher will contact you to rearrange a time to talk, which could either take place on the School Cloud system or over the phone.

Attendance

Dear parents/carers,

This is the perfect time of year to reflect on what makes a positive difference.

Your child's attendance at school is a key component to their academic success. Teachers plan sequences of lessons, where what may only seem like a missed day or hour, may mean that your child missed out on key input which will in turn impact their learning for the series of lessons. Often, the number of days that students are absent from school can accumulate without parents realising how many days are missed.

Key reminders:

- Term time holidays are not authorised;
- Where possible, any appointments should be outside school hours.

Attached to this email is our Attendance Newsletter which outlines our procedures for appointments and leave of absence from school. Please do take the time to read this, as your child's attendance is of immense importance.

Best wishes,
Mrs A Wells (Headteacher)

Intra-Sports Events

Please note the dates for the next sports event within school. These are open level competitions, so if your child would like to take part, they will need to come into school dressed in their P.E kits on the day. Thank you.

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| Weds 4th Nov | 12.30pm-1.45pm | Yr 4 Girl's Football |
| Weds 18th Nov | 12.30pm-1.45pm | Yr 4 Boy's Football |
| Weds 9th Dec | 12.30pm-1.45pm | Yr 4 Tag Rugby |

Hooke Court.

Hopefully you have all seen the letter that came out a couple of weeks ago with information regarding payments. A reminder of the payment details will be in the Y4 newsletter each week:

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| Wednesday 4th November (deposit) | £43 |
| Friday 4th December | £30 |
| Thursday 4th February | £30 |
| Thursday 4th March | £30 |
| Sunday 4th April | £30 |
| Tuesday 4th May | £30 |
| Total | £193 |



Competition time!

Imagine there are a group of people about to run a race. Before the start of the race, one person's starting place is moved nearer the finishing line. Another person is moved much further away. One of the runners has a blindfold on, another one has a very heavy rucksack put on their back. Is this fair?

History has many accounts of people, who lived under unfair and disadvantaged conditions, yet managed to achieve incredible things. Katherine Johnson is one of these people. Without her mathematical calculations, humans would not have been able to set foot on the moon, when they did!

To commemorate her death earlier this year, Maths Week England are running the Katherine Johnson Prize. They would like to invite you to submit a documentary video which commemorates either her or another mathematician, who for reasons of gender, race or other challenge did not perhaps get the recognition you feel they deserved.

To find out more information and to enter with the chance to win £100, visit:

<https://mathsweekengland.co.uk/maths-week-england-2020-katherine-johnson-prize/>

Diary Dates

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| October | Harvest: Monday 5 th October (wear blue) Half term: Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th October |
| November | Back to school: Monday 2 nd November Girl's Football Competition: Wednesday 4 th November Parents' Evening: w/c 9 th November. Boy's Football Competition: Wednesday 18 th November |
| December | Tag Rugby Competition: Wednesday 4 th December End of term: Friday 18 th December (12.45pm finish) |
| January | Back to school: Monday 4 th January |
| February | Half term: Monday 15 th February - Friday 19 th February Back to school: Monday 22 nd February |
| March | |
| April | End of term: Thursday 1 st April (12.45pm finish) INSET day: Monday 19 th April Back to school: Tuesday 20 th April |
| May | INSET day: Friday 28 th May Half term: Monday 31 st May - Friday 4 th June |
| June | Back to school: Monday 7 th June Hooke Court: Wednesday 16 th June – Friday 18 th June |
| July | End of term: Friday 16 th July (12.45pm finish) INSET day: Monday 19 th July INSET day: Tuesday 20 th July INSET day: Wednesday 21 st July |

Work to be proud of!

Work to be celebrated in Year 4 comes from 4B this month! Well done, Lara Page! Miss Snow says "Your work is well worth celebrating which is why I chose it to be part of this newsletter! I really enjoyed your vivid character description and your fantastic adjectives and adverbs. Congratulations, give yourself a massive pat on the back and keep up the great work!"

An Amazing thing once Happened to Me! I was on the Massive circular London eye, but Suddenly, when I got to the Top I dissapeard into thin air and fell fast asleep in the London eye carriage. I felt Like a little one Having a dream. But I am Not little one I am eight years old. I also Don't Have a Babish Name, oh No, My Name IS Lilly. It felt all breezy and cold in the big London eye carriage that was Right Now wizzing through the cloudy Sky. It was Not one of the Sunny Days when we could feel the Blazing Hot Sun Shining Down on London, and when we could Play in the Swimming Pool. No, it was one of those London afternoons when the Sun could Not be Seen at all.

When I Stopped and got of the carriage I Saw that I was in a lovely Meadow. I walked and Walked and Walked til I could walk no longer. Then all of a Sudden I Spotted Someone in the Distance, when they got closer I Relized that he wasn't any of the boys I know. I called out to him, "Hey, Hello can you help Me

Me please I'm lost" But he replied "Come with Me and Meet My family" So I followed him to another Massive

flowering Meadow but with slightly shorter grass and the grass
at home, that ~~grass~~ was brown and flooded because it was raining
but it was lovely and sunny here and the air seemed warmer
as well. Then I noticed that the boy was not a person of
my kind he was someone from a different ~~period~~ ^{of} ~~the~~
which one there are ~~some~~ many different ones that have been
and gone. Then I noticed that the boy was not wearing
normal clothing, he was wearing animal skin and his
hair was all scruffy and looked as if it hadn't been
brushed for centuries.

He took me to this weird sort of camp which is obviously
~~his home~~ where he spends most of his time because he lives
here. I breathed in the warm air and gently said "what
is this place and what am I doing here" I breathed looking around
all of the people in this place. Then someone told me
(which was not meant to happen because that was a rhetorical
question) that I was in the Stone Age at first I couldn't
believe it but then I did because the people were wearing
animal skins. I could see tents made of animal skin, camp
fires in the centre of the camp, food such as meat from a
Andrewsarchos, woven baskets full of vegetables such as
berries, potatoes, apples, blueberries, blackberries, carrots, I could see
children running about playing in the mud and the river. I can
smell the nearly burning meat being cooked above the warm
open ~~wood~~ fire ~~stove~~ nearby. They had made me a warm
and cosy bed made with ~~them~~ soft furry animal skins
~~the~~ But it wasn't as soft as my mattress at home.

The very next morning I woke up to find myself lying
alone in the warm, but furry tent. I looked around where Jack
had been "Oh No" I cried looking at his empty bed. Then I stopped
what's the time, I look at the walls expecting to see a clock
here. I suddenly realise that I was in the Stone Age and

They Don't Have clocks in the Stone age. I Peek Pop My Head outside and I incidently feel the lovely warm Xmas breeze Rushing into the Furry and Itchy Tent. I Stroll outside to find everyone was working, all of a Sudden I find Jack Right outside Making a long, Sharp, brown, Pointy Spear. He Strolls over to Me and he gently Says to Me "Come with Me I Have Something Tottaly utterly amazing to ~~an~~ Show you, come on Larry bores, come with Me and I will Show it to you. So we started walking ~~at~~ out of the warm but Snelly camp. Arently we got there, it was Magnificent and it was a cave by the way, a cave with Loads of Hands and other cave Paintings. Suddently, I Hear a angry growling Noise I Tuned Sharply to See an angry Andrewsarches.

I Tuned to Jack He was Holding a Fire on a Stick and a Sharp, Pointy Spear I Take the fire on a Stick and started edging slowly and cautiously towards the fierce Andrewsarches which was angrily Staring ~~open~~ his/Her eyes wide. Then I Suddently Hear a Different Noise Something other than the Soft, Furry, Brown Andrewsarches angry growling which ~~ecod~~ ~~thru~~ the Dark Pitch Black Cave we were in. I look away from the Andrewsarches and looked out of the cave and Saw a fierce looking Rindeer Running fast towards Me and Jack. It Finally got to us because it was a long way ~~very~~ away when I first Spotted it in the Distance, but It was the first Time Jack Had Seen it and he said "why on earth is ~~the~~ this Rindeer Doing Here I thought Andrewsarches eat Rindeer" I Reply with Saying They do and I think he/She is going to Save us from the Andrewsarches that is standing Right here.

The Riender Ran and Ran and the Ran, and finally we came to a beautiful glowing Meadow, I slowly and gracefully jumped down from the lovely Rienders gurgly back and picked up a bluebell from the ground and put it behind the Rienders ear. I then said "I loved it here Jack I really did but I think I better get going now. So of I went I came to a woods and found A time Machine I A ~~climbed~~ climbed in and I suddenly found myself in My bedroom. I Ran downstairs to find My Mum and Dad Not there. Instead I found My Sister I asked "where are Mum and Dad" she replied with saying "oh they've Have Died and goodness Me ~~your~~ back about your 10, You've been gone for two years.

Poppies

After half term we will be selling poppies in support of the Royal British legion.

Items for purchase range from bracelets, wrist bands, rulers, button tags and are priced at 50p/£1

Also, on sale are the usual poppies which are priced at 20p.

